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Dr. Herrman L. Blumgart

ELECT ISIDOR SLOTNIK PRESIDENT; WYNER HEADS EXEC. COMMITTEE

Isidor Slotnik of Newton was unanimously elected president of Beth Israel Hospital at the Annual Dinner on November 26.

Mr. Slotnik succeeded Rudolph H. Wyner of Brookline who served as President from 1958 to 1961. Serving the Hospital for many years in key Trustee positions, and as Vice-President, Mr. Slotnik played an important part in the planning and studies which led to the creation of the Hospital's Development Program. He has been General Chairman of the Hospital Annual Dinner for the past three years. This year the Dinner, attended by over 700 community leaders, was held at the Statler Hilton Hotel.

Accepting the office of President, Mr. Slotnik said, "The object of the Beth Israel Hospital is to provide medical and hospital services for the sick and disabled of any class, creed, color or nationality, and to carry on such educational, philanthropic and scientific activities as are a part of efficient modern hospital service. This, your newly elected officers pledge to continue."

Blumgart Chair of Medicine Established at Harvard-BI

An honor accorded to few men during their lifetime has been given to Dr. Herrman L. Blumgart, Physician-in-Chief at Beth Israel and Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. The establishment of the Herrman Ludwig Blumgart Professorship of Medicine at Harvard University was announced by Rudolph H. Wyner, Hospital President, at the Annual Dinner of November 26. It was the first time in Beth Israel's history that such a development has taken place.

The move to endow the $500,000 chair was started in 1958 by Dr. Stanford Wessler, Visiting Physician and Associate in Medical Research at BI and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School; and Dr. Louis Zetzel, Visiting Physician and Head of the Gastro-Intestinal Clinic at BI and Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. A committee was then formed under the chairmanship of Abram Berkowitz, a Trustee and former President of the Hospital. Most of the participants were Trustees, present or former members of the professional staff, employees, former patients and friends who took this means to express their high esteem and abiding affection for Dr. Blumgart.

Joined BI Staff in 1928

Dr. Blumgart has been Beth Israel's Director of Medical Research since 1928, its Physician-in-Chief since 1946, and during the same period Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He will retire in August, 1962.

In making the announcement, Mr. Wyner expressed the hope that "the Chair in the years to come will be occupied by other

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1962 Greeting From Dr. Lee

May I take this means of expressing to all of you in the BI family my sincere thanks for all the help you have given me in the past year. My best wishes to you and yours for 1962.

Sidney S. Lee M.D.

Development Fund At $6.9 Million; Rabb Says, "Goal Is Now In Sight"

A giant step forward was taken toward achieving Beth Israel's $7,500,000 Development Fund goal when it was announced at the Annual Meeting that $6,937,500 has been raised to date. The dramatic total was announced by Irving W. Rabb, Chairman of the Development Program Committee.

In announcing the current fund raising result, Mr. Rabb paid tribute to the "extraordinary response from the Trustees and other members of the community which has made possible the pledging of such an enormous sum in the space of a few months." He pointed out that the new total means that an additional $1,637,500 had been raised since the Committee's last report in September. The Development Program seeks to maintain B. I.'s effectiveness in patient care, teaching and research by building two new buildings and renovating three older structures.

"Beyond doubt," Mr. Rabb asserted, "this is the most magnificent manifestation of Trustee devotion and support that any hospital has been privileged to enjoy." The Board of Trustees, as a group, has pledged to date the sum of $4,361,250.

In addition to the support given by the Trustees, Mr. Rabb added, a breakdown of the total raised

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Professor Milton Katz, Director of International Legal Studies at Harvard University, was the principal speaker at the Dinner. Other speakers were Mr. Slotnik and Mr. Wyner, Mrs. Nathan Sidel, President of the Women's Auxiliary; Dr. Sidney S. Lee, General Director; Dr. George Packer Berry, Dean of the Harvard Medical School; Dr. George Wolf, Jr., Executive Director of the Tufts New England Medical Center; and Louis P. Smith, Combined Jewish Philanthropies President.

New Officers Introduced

Mr. Wyner awarded citations to the newly elected Honorary Trustees Jacob S. Gordon, Samuel Markell, and Nathan Yamins and introduced seven newly elected Trustees. They are David Kane, Leonard Kaplan, Norman S. Rabb, William Scheft, Moses Slotnik, Richard A. Smith and Saul Wallen.

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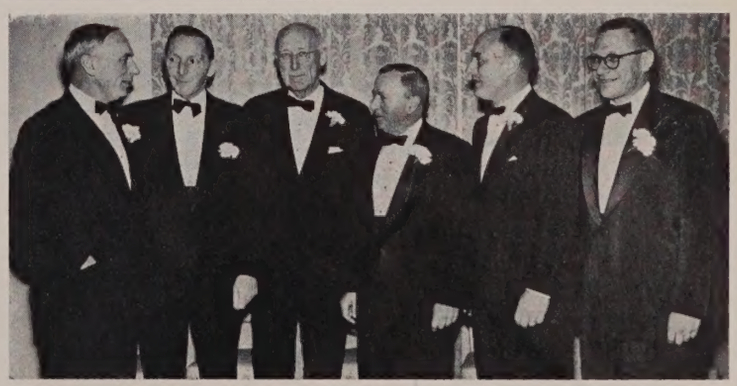


Principal speakers at the Annual Dinner were (left to right) Professor Milton Katz, Director of International Legal Studies, Harvard Law School; Dr. Herrman L. Blumgart, Physician-in-Chief at BI; Rudolph H. Wyner, retiring President; Isidor Slotnik, newly elected President; Irving W. Rabb, Chairman of the Development Fund Committee and Dr. Sidney S. Lee, General Director.

Employees Get Service Pins At Festive Awards Program

The Holiday Open House and Service Awards Program which was held for all employees of the Hospital on December 27th was a tremendous success. Isidor Slotnik, Hospital President, greeted the employees and the 74 Service Certificates were presented by Dr. Sidney S. Lee, General Director. Refreshments were served and music was provided by the Marshards.

Ten-Year Awards

Recipients of the ten-year certificates were: Michael Anaskowick, Selma Bersins, Helen L. Bickford, Antonia Cirulis, Mary DeFronzo, Helen L. Fontelara, Anna McKeon, Elizabeth Paquin and Loniga Zatters, Dietary; Arline Ekman, Clinical Pathology; Elvira Boyle, Nina Bradshaw, Barnet Green and Ellen Riley, Housekeeping; Mildred Sutton, Laundry; Vincent F. Gardner, Clifford Morrison and David Sullivan, Maintenance; Elise Chorbajian and Dr. George Kurland, Medical Research.

From Nursing there were: Sylvia Bailet, Sarah Costello, Doris Cote, Violette Follett, Barbara McPherson, Frieda Silverman and Ruth Whelan. Also recipients of ten-year certificates were Dr. Louis Hermanson, OPD Surgical Service; Janis Tomass, Purchasing; Jane O'Brien, Surgery; and Phyllis Sugarman, Volunteer Service.

Five-Year Awards

Those receiving five-year awards were: Libby Aronofsky, Helen Berman, Louella Butler, Milda Dreijmanis, Florence Hayman, Matrona Melnyk, Jadviga Rubenis, Mary Semler and Etta Tall, all of Dietary; Helen Zola, Accounting; Joan Meara, Clinical Pathology; Evelyn Jette, Housekeeping; Joseph Gagnon and Sally Shore, Laundry; Drs. Howard Hiatt, Sidney Koretsky, Joseph Riseman and Phillip Troen, Medical Research.

Receiving the five-year award in the Nursing Division were: Desserrie Clark, Charlotte Feital, Rose Finkelstein, Julia Galloway, Sheila Goldman, Anastasia Kalipolites, Dora Levinson, Janice Lutz, Helena Norton, Alberta Rankin, Ann M. Ross and Judith Weiner. Janet Packard from OPD; Anna Kaitz, OPD Admitting; Drs. Richard Cutler, Carl Glud and Dorothy Huntington, Psychiatry; Ruth Goldfarb and Phyllis Sandberg, Record Room; Frances Wald, Social Service; Dr. Chester Rosoff, Surgical Research; Louis Baizman and Luellen Edwards, X-ray; Sally Jones, Medical Care Studies and William Beier, Maintenance also received five-year certificates.

Jeanette Harpel, Clinical Labs, coordinated the activity. Members of the Committee were: Barbara Ghelfi, Clinical Pathology; John Cusack, Maintenance; Ruth Leibovitz, Pathology; Carole Lumsden, Purchasing; Donna Russo, Personnel, and Ruth Sheinwald, Dietary.

Employee U. F. Gifts $600 Over Last Year

The United Fund Drive raised a total of $3,595.15. This was $600.00 more than last year's total. The co-chairmen, Mrs. Phyllis Goodman, Psychiatry, and Miss Kalla Freiberg, Information Desk, wish to thank the individuals who made the drive a success.

200 at Nursing Open House

Students representing 40 high schools attended the Nursing School Open House at Kirstein Hall. Shown above welcoming the students is Miss Dora E. Zolotin, Director of Nursing. Members of a panel which discussed the subject, "What do Student Nurses Really Do?" are (left to right) Leslie Passe, Marcia Levy, Madeline Baczek, RN, moderator, Ruth Goodwin and Cynthia Dannin. Mrs. Virginia M. Johnsen (far right) is the Associate Director of Nursing Education.

Dr. Hiatt Returns To BI after Year Of Study in Paris

Dr. Howard H. Hiatt, Associate in Medical Research at Beth Israel Hospital and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, has returned to the B.I. after a year at the Pasteur Institute in Paris.

Under a Commonwealth Fund traveling fellowship, he worked at the Pasteur Institute with fellow researchers interested in control mechanisms in bacteria.

Translating his findings at the Pasteur Institute into medical problems, Dr. Hiatt said, "The hope is that the research will lead to the development of drugs which will stop cancer cells from growing beyond normalcy, but which will not affect normal cells."

"Cancer cells don't stop growing when they should," Dr. Hiatt explained, "so we must find out what happens to a cancer cell that does not occur in other cells."

In explaining the work on cells, Dr. Hiatt pointed out that the information contained in the genes, which are the small particles in chromosomes transmitted from one generation to another, lead to the distinguishing features between human beings. Genes cause a person to have blue eyes or curly hair, and genes similarly provide the basis for the differences between human beings, small animals, and bacteria. The information that is carried from one generation to another in the genes is expressed in the proteins in the cells. Through the research in which he participated, Dr. Hiatt explained, a chemical called Messenger RNA was found to be what carries the information from the genes to the machinery which make the proteins for the cells.

Explains Work on Cells

The drugs that Dr. Hiatt hopes will be discovered will alter the Messenger RNA in tumor cells, but will not affect it in normal cells. To study cells, and why certain ones grow at an abnormal rate, it is necessary to know the heredity involved.

First Year of Organized Parking Finds Advantages Outweigh Gripes

Over a year ago the present parking arrangement was begun at BI. Most people agree that it solved a worrisome and often annoying problem to employees, patients and visitors.

The present system of "live" bumper-to-bumper parking was instituted for one purpose: to increase the capacity of the available parking areas. By parking cars bumper-to-bumper, the 1,000 cars which now use the parking lots daily may be accommodated where only 350 cars would fit before.

Previously, by 9:00 a.m. every day, the parking lots were jammed. Employees who had to leave the hospital during the day would lose their parking space by the time they returned. Patients and visitors could seldom find a space and would have to hunt for a spot in the congested Harvard Medical School-Brookline Avenue area. Often they would have to leave their cars several blocks from the hospital. In an emergency, or when a patient had difficulty walking any distance, this was a real problem.

Plan Works Elsewhere

Other Boston hospitals had the same problem. Massachusetts General and Children's Hospitals installed "live" parking and were satisfied with the results. So a year ago last June, BI followed their lead and signed a contract with Fitz-Inn Auto Parks, Inc.

Fitz-Inn agreed to provide the parking personnel, supervision, parking passes, insurance coverage and snow removal. Patients and visitors pay 25¢ to park and employees can buy a yearly parking permit for $25.00, which is less than 10¢ a day. There is absolutely no profit to BI from the parking concession.

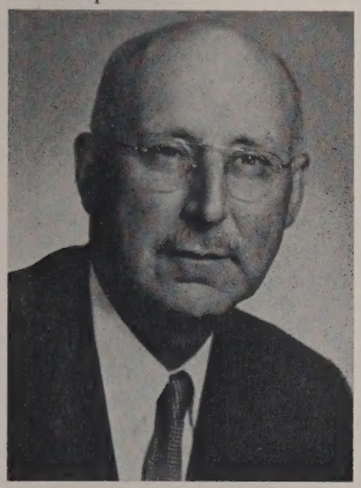
Portrait Unveiled At Annual Dinner

Dr. Harold H. Rosenfield

This portrait of Dr. Harold H. Rosenfield was presented to the Hospital at the Annual Dinner. Dr. Rosenfield was Obstetrician-in-Chief from 1950 to 1961. The portrait has been hung in George Sherman Auditorium.

Profile of A Trustee

Warm tribute was paid to Rudolph H. Wyner at the Annual Dinner when he retired as the twelfth President of Beth Israel Hospital. Mr. Wyner's Presidency, 1958-1961, was the climax of long and devoted service to the Hospital.



Rudolph H. Wyner

Dedication to Beth Israel is a tradition in Mr. Wyner's family. His parents, George and Gussie Wyner, were members of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Wyner has the distinction of being the only Trustee both of whose parents were Trustees. His mother founded the Life Membership of the Women's Auxiliary and served as Chairman and Honorary Chairman. The eighth floor of the South Building is dedicated in their honor. Mr. Wyner's wife, Sara, and his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth W. Mark, are Life Members of the Women's Auxiliary. His son, Justin L. Wyner, is a member of the Hospital's Young Executives Group. Mr. Wyner will continue his activity with the Hospital as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board.

Born in South Africa

The Hospital has made great strides forward under Mr. Wyner's leadership. Two important moves were the decision to launch the capital funds drive for $7,500,000 and the furtherance of the policy of having full time Chiefs for all Services offered by the Hospital. These major decisions will mold the image and service of the Hospital for generations to come.

Born in Malmesbury, Union of South Africa, Mr. Wyner was graduated from Harvard College and served with the U. S. Navy during World War I. He is president of Shawmut, Inc. of Brockton. In addition to his long interest in Beth Israel, Mr. Wyner is a Trustee of Combined Jewish Philanthropies, the Hebrew Teacher's College, the Hebrew Free Loan, and Temple Israel.

Dr. Hermanson New Staff Council Head

The Medical Staff Council elections were held recently. The officers who were elected to serve until October, 1962, were Dr. Louis Hermanson, President; Dr. Samuel Stearns, Vice-President and Dr. William Shriber, Secretary-Treasurer. Elected as members of the Council were: Drs. James Feeney, Albert Finck, Sidney Green, George Kurland, Sumner Liebman, Arnold Segel, Melvin Sturnick and David Weintraub. The new members will serve for four years.

"Mickey" Rozavsky

Michael Rozavsky died at Beth Israel on Sunday, November 14.

Since 1928, "Mickey" Rozavsky had operated a cab service on a contract basis with the Social Service Department. He wasn't a Hospital employee in the usual sense, but his work was centered here. Patients who needed transportation to and from the Hospital were picked up by Mickey. These patients were usually elderly and sick. Mickey knew just what to do for them, and they were comfortable with him.

Dr. Sidney S. Lee, General Director of the Hospital, expressed the sentiments of all the people who worked with Mickey in the letter he sent to Mrs. Rozavsky. Dr. Lee wrote, "Mickey was an important member of the Beth Israel Hospital. His devotion to the care of our patients, his infinite patience in dealing with difficult, sick people, his ready smile, his helpful manner — all will be sorely missed."

Fire Fighting Methods Shown

As part of the hospital Safety Program a fire fighting demonstration was given on October 20 in the parking lot. Demonstrating proper use of the CO_2 extinguisher are Jacob Jacks (left) and Lt. John Frongillo of the Boston Fire Department. Looking on are (left to right) Cory Kent, Lee Loman, Mrs. Evelyn Courtney, Mrs. Lucille Vest, Mrs. Jean Cohen, Mrs. Marian Leventhal, Mrs. Gertrude Cohen, Miss Penelope Wells, Mrs. Ellen Weber, Robert Morgan, Miss Marian Drew, Miss Dorothy Kaufman, Miss Judith Goldstein and Vincent Gardner.

Isidor Slotnik New President

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In honoring Mr. Wyner, Mr. Slotnik said, "His leadership, his warm and understanding counsel have fostered a relationship between the Board of Trustees and members of the professional and administrative staff that has resulted in greater realization of the objectives to which Beth Israel Hospital is dedicated." Mr. Wyner was given an engraved gavel as a token of appreciation for his years of leadership.

Dr. Lee emphasized that "Beth Israel is in a period of great change," in its construction program and in keeping its services continually abreast of advances in medicine and hospital techniques. He pointed out that with the selection of a new full-time Obstetrician and Gynecologist-in-Chief, each of Beth Israel's "seven major clinical services will have achieved formal affiliation with the Harvard Medical School." He emphasized that in addition to this tie, the Hospital's relationships with other educational institutions "continue to grow and to be strengthened." He pointed out that these affiliations include Tufts Medical School, Simmons College School of Social Work, Boston University School of Nursing, and others.

In addition to the new president, the following officers were elected: Samuel L. Slosberg, Vice President; Joseph G. Riesman, Vice President; Irving W. Rabb, Vice President; Irving Usen, Treasurer; David Kane, Assistant Treasurer; Max E. Bernkopf, Honorary Secretary; David H. Greenberg, Secretary; and Leonard Kaplan, Assistant Secretary.

"Treated Me Like a King," Recalls Harry Bailey

Harry Bailey of the Maintenance Department, a B. I. employee for 17 years, recently underwent a serious operation. He was so appreciative of the care he received as a patient, that he wanted to express his gratitude to all those who participated in his care. Following are excerpts from Harry's letter.

"I would like to use the *B. I. News* to thank each and everyone of you for your great support during my recent illness.

"I was stricken suddenly and critically. All the cards were stacked against me and the odds seemed insurmountable. It was only with the realization that everyone at the Hospital was sharing the load with me, that I was able to call upon some latent reserve energy to combat these odds and make an early return to a healthy, normal existence.

"In the words of our Hospital President, Mr. Rudolph H. Wyner, 'The Hospital is not an inanimate object composed of steel, brick and mortar, but a living, breathing institution where every patient is the prime concern of everybody.' I have been given the opportunity actually to see the truth of this statement.

"I salute my team of doctors, in whose expertly trained hands my life was held, the nursing staff and the many technicians."

Very sincerely,
Harry Bailey, Maintenance

In Memoriam

Beth Israel Hospital mourns the loss of two members of the medical staff who died in November, and extends deepest sympathies to their families.

Dr. Gustav Fred, Consultant in Otolaryngology

Dr. Naaman Steinberg, Head, Department of Proctology; Instructor in Surgery at Harvard Medical School

MEET THE FAMILY . . .

Learned Yiddish To Help Patients

Mrs. Josephine Sweeney, staff nurse in the Orthopedic Clinic, has worked at BI for nine years. During this time, Mrs. Sweeney has helped to care for thousands of people and has seen numerous changes take place in the Out Patient Department. "Some of the clinics have been eliminated or combined with others," Mrs. Sweeney says, "but we are seeing more people than ever before."

Mrs. Josephine Sweeney

Reminiscing, Mrs. Sweeney recalled an incident when a boy was brought to the clinic by his mother. After the examination, Mrs. Sweeney gave the mother a bottle of vitamins to be given orally with a dropper. On the next visit, Mrs. Sweeney asked the mother how her son was progressing. "Oh, he's much better now," the mother said, "but he yells and coughs real bad when I try to put his vitamins in his nose with the dropper."

Born in West Warren, in central Massachusetts, Mrs. Sweeney trained at Mercy Hospital in Springfield. A special talent of Mrs. Sweeney is her ability to speak Polish and Yiddish. She often interprets for patients at BI who cannot speak English.

During the war, Mrs. Sweeney, then Jo Trespaz, "a trim 110 pound girl," worked as a Safety Engineer in the Quincy plant of the Fore River Shipyard. Preventing accidents was Jo's job.

Traveled West After War

After the war Jo headed west to see the country. She got as far as Reno, Nevada, when she decided to try for a job. After an interview with the nun-director of St. Mary's Hospital, the sister said, "please wait here," and left the room. Returning with two other nuns, the sister said to them, "Will you look at her?" Jo was beginning to think her slip was showing or her cap was on backwards when the sister said, "I don't mean to embarrass you. It's just that we seldom see an applicant with such a complete uniform as yours, and I wanted to show the other sisters." Jo got the job.

Mrs. Sweeney and her husband, John, live in Somerville. They both are interested in sportscar races and horse shows. On vacations they take long automobile trips. Jo likes New England, especially during Indian Summer, but thinks the West is breathtaking. "Each state has its own different kind of beauty," she says.

Development Fund Hits $6.9 Million

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to date shows that $500,000 has been pledged by the Women's Auxiliary, $1,085,900 by individuals and Foundations, $858,332 by the National Advisory Council on Health Research Facilities, and $155,000 from the Beth Israel Medical Staff (this figure includes results gained since the Annual Dinner).

However, he warned against "overconfidence or complacency" and emphasized that "a great effort must be made to complete the job as quickly as possible."

Employees who wish to contribute to the Development Fund, may now do so by contacting the Development Office.

Blumgart Chair Founded at HMS

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Chiefs of Medicine at B. I. who will be inspired by the example of the great physician in whose honor the Chair is named."

Dr. George Packer Berry, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Harvard University, described Dr. Blumgart as the "complete physician, a man who has been increasingly responsible for the superb growth of the Hospital and who has contributed immensely to the outstanding position of medical teaching and research at the Harvard Medical School. Not only in Boston, but throughout the world, Dr. Blumgart has worked to advance medicine and medical education," Dr. Berry said.

What's Going On?

O.P.D.

ELAINE ISRAEL, *Reporter*

Welcome to *Susan Martha King*, new Health Service Secretary replacing *Barbara Berliner*, who is awaiting the arrival of her first, and to *Ellen Klev*, new secretary in Psychiatry. Hello to new nurses, *Louise Sullivan*, *Priscilla Kukla* and *Sylvia Singer* . . . and to the new page clerk in the Record Room — *Edwin Rolfe*.

House Officers

ANITA WOO, *Reporter*

Dr. Varda Ganz, Resident in Psychiatry, gave birth to her first child, *Eric David* on October 29.

Congratulations to *Dr. & Mrs. Russell Minton, Jr.*, on their new addition — Ainsley Carol.

Record Room

Welcome to *Eileen Hallsen*, new clerk-typist in House Record Room.

Surgical Research

Arrival of a son, Steven Samuel on November 2 — to *Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith.*

Clinical Pathology

Congratulations to *Patricia Nasuti*, Bacteriology technician who was married on November 18, to John Pignato, a student at Northeastern University.

A warm welcome to *Eliza Tushie*, recorder in Clinical Pathology Office; Ditto to the new clinical laboratory technicians *Mrs. Linda Pruskin*, *Mrs. Helen Mackey* and *Miss Diana Duckworth*, and to *Mrs. Mary Cabral*, Chemistry Laboratory technician.

Pathology

Dr. & Mrs. Si-Chun Ming became proud parents of a baby girl, born November 6.

House Services

JANE SILSBY, *Reporter*

New Admitting Officer is *Mrs. Carolyn Curley*, former head nurse on 8 North — Welcome, Carolyn.

In attendance at A.D.A. Convention in St. Louis were *Miss Ruth Sheinwald*, Director of Dietetics and *Miss Jeannine Peckrul*, Jr. Dietitian.

Joan Nevins took leave of her duties as Jr. Dietitian for a vacation in the Caribbean in the lovely month of November.

Wedding bells rang out last month for *Mrs. Lucille Jackson Vest* of the Cafeteria.

Richard Zaunere, Assistant Executive Housekeeper, who is attending a Supervisors' Training Course at M.I.T., was recently elected Secretary of the Mass. Chapter of the National Executive Housekeepers' Association.

A cheery hello to *Mrs. Lillian Kazerman*, new Medical Library Clerk.

Seen vacationing in Florida last month with her daughter was *Mrs. Erma McKnight.*

Medical Care Studies Unit

NORMA SHERECK, *Reporter*

Is it necessary to tell anyone in the B.I. that *Ruth* and *Ken Goodman* have the "most beautiful baby girl ever born in the Beth Israel?" Ruthie went from desk to delivery room, on November 25th. The "trek" started in September with a boy for *Margaret Ann Smith* (Private Patient Counseling Service) and also for *Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barbano* . . . Coming up is *Norma Shereck.* Welcome to *Joan Gozzi*, new member of the Unit and B.I. — (watch out, Joan!)

Fiscal Services

IDA LOMASNEY, *Reporter*

A warm welcome to *Jacqueline Gomarlo*, new Executive Secretary who replaced Marion Oliver.

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